front of the Office of the Department of Education at Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi. The main demand of AIFUCTO is for review of scales of pay of university and college teachers. AIFUCTO also proposed to discuss certain other demands like relaxation in minimum academic qualifications for eligibility for appointment as lecturer, immediate implementation of revised scales of pay of Library and Physical Education personnel in Universities and Colleges and removal of certain anomalies arising out of implementation of revised scales of pay. Though no discussion took place on 21st May, 1990, Government has decided to invite representatives of AIFUCTO to discuss these demands.

Uniform pay structure for Teachers

2264. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to grant uniform pay structure for teachers in all the institutes of higher learning in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education—1986 envisages that efforts should be made to reach the desirable objective of uniform emoluments, service conditions, etc. for teachers throughout the country. In pursuance of this provision, and keeping in view the responsibility of the Central Government for coordination and maintenance of standards of higher and technical education, the Department of Education revised the pay scales of university/college teachers w.e.f. 1-1-86. As for as the State/Universities and colleges are concerned, decision regarding revision or scales of pay rests with the State Government concerned. The pay scales of teachers in technical and engineering institutions including IITs have also since been revised.

Flooding of parts of Rann of Kutch by Pakistan

2265. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has deliberately flooded parts of Rann of Kutch to make the Indian army immobile in that area ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA) : (a) Barring a media report, there is no confirmation to indicate that Pakistan has deliberately flooded parts of Rann of Kutch.

(b) Does not arise.

Digging up of Bunkers by Pakistan in Rann of Kutch

2266. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : SHRI ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 19th April, 1990 to the effect that Pakistan Army has dug up bunkers in large numbers on its side in the Rann of Kutch area and has also flooded parts of the area due to which the water in coming to Indian side; if so, what are the military consequences thereof; and

(b) the steps taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA) : (a) Barring the media report, there is no confirmtion to indicate digging of large number of bunkers and deliberate flooding in the Rann of Kutch area by the Pakistan Army.

(b) Does not arise.

प्रकाशनों को रियायती दर के छपाई के सफेद कागज की पूर्ति

2267. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने विभिन्न प्रकाशकों को छपाई का सफेद कागज रियायती दर पर उपलब्ध कराया है ताकि पाठकों को कम मूल्यों पर पुस्तकें उपलब्ध की जा सकें ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो दिल्ली के उन प्रकाशकों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें यह कागज उपलब्ध किया गया था तथा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उन्हें इस प्रयोजन के लिए उपलब्ध किए गए कागज की मात्रा कितनी थी ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने यह पता लगाने के लिए कोई जांच कराई है कि कितने प्रकाशकों ने इस कागज का सही उपयोग किया था और कितने प्रकाशकों ने उसका दुरुपयोग किया था ; और

(घ) उन प्रकाशकों के विरुद्ध, जिन्होंने इस कागज का दुरूपयोग किया है, क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिमनभाई मेहता) : (क) सहायता योजना के अन्तर्गत शिक्षा विभाग राज्यों/संघ शासित प्रदेशों को स्कूली पाठयपुस्तकों/अभ्यास पुस्तिकाओं और परीक्षा उत्तर शीटों के मुद्रण के लिए शिक्षा-क्षेत्र में रियायती सफेद मुद्रण कागज का आवंटन करवा रहा है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Improvement of efficiency in public sector enterprises

@2267-A. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government considers that improvement of efficiency in Public enterprises is imperative;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this connection; and

(c) how the hardening of overall budget constraints on the public enterprises is going to affect the actual development of Public Sector Enterprises ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various measures like organisational restructuring, rehabilitation, modernisation, technology upgradation, improved maintenance methods etc. have been taken to improve the efficiency of the public sector. While overall budgetary constraints may affect plan outlays for public sector, every effort is being made to cover it by higher internal reource generation.

@ Previously Unstarred Question 2099, transferred from the 28th May, 1990.